Staying on Track: Supplement not Supplant



"Title I Supplement Not Supplant"

This requirement ensures that students in Title I programs or schools receive their fair share of state and local funds.

<u>Remember</u>

This requirement is <u>VERY</u> case/situation specific.

(When in doubt, discuss it with your ESEA/NCLB consultant.)

Supplementing

1. Title I funds supplement the amount of funds that would, in the absence of the Title I funds, be made available from non-Federal sources.

This includes funds for services required by law for SWD and LEP students. [Section 1114(a)(2)]

2. Supplement not Supplant applies to most federal programs.

3.<u>Title III funds</u> must not supplant other **federal funds** as well as state and local funds.

Question to Ask to Test for Supplanting:



"What would you do in the absence of the federal funds?"

Supplanting is <u>presumed</u> to occur in the following three instances:

1. The LEA uses Federal funds to provide services required under other Federal, State or local law.



Common Example:

Paying teachers with Title funds when state law would require those teachers to meet maximum class size or average class size for a grade level unit.

Example:

State Law mandates an after school program for all elementary schools and the LEA pays for it with Title I funds.

Possible rebuttal: If the state provides no funds for the mandated program, an exception can be made to the presumption of supplanting.

Next Presumption of Supplanting:

2. The LEA uses Federal funds for services that it provided with non-Federal funds in the immediate prior years.

Example:

The LEA has an instructional facilitator at a Title I school. State/local funds paid for this position last year, but Title I is paying for the position this year.

Possible Rebuttal: The LEA has budgetary documentation of declining resources and minutes of the Board's vote to eliminate the position <u>prior</u> to the decision to use Title funds.

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3. The LEA uses Title I funds for services for eligible children that it provides with non-Federal funds for other children.

Example:

 An LEA has a <u>district-wide</u> reading program, including a reading specialist in each school. The district uses GP funds for the specialists at the <u>non-Title I</u> schools and Title I funds for these positions in the <u>Title I</u> schools.



Possible Exception:

Programs funded with <u>supplemental</u> state & local funds may be excluded from supplement, not supplant if the program is Title I-Like in a non-Title I school that meets the following criteria:

- 1. has 40% poverty
- uses the program for genuine districtwide whole school reform (NOT just an isolated activity)
- 3. focuses on students most at risk
- 4. uses state assessment to evaluate effectiveness

Must watch Maintenance of Effort!

It's <u>very</u> hard to document afterthe-fact!

Before You Spend Stop and Think:

- State & Local funds must be used without consideration of Title I funds.
- Title funds are in addition, on top of, what the Title I school would normally receive.

Scenario I:

- The LEA provides each teacher a laptop to use in preparing lessons using on-line resources, etc.
- The LEA uses local funds for the laptops at the non-Title I Schools and Title I funds at the Title I schools in order to have enough funds.

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Scenario II

 After school tutoring is provided with Title I funds at the Title I schools. The LEA provides tutoring for the other schools with state and local funds.

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Scenario III

 Title I funds pay stipends for teachers from the Title I schools to attend summer workshops.

 Title IIA funds pay for the teachers from non-Title I schools to attend summer workshops.

 The workshops are not part of any required PD.

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There is not a presumption of supplanting since the Title I 'supplement not supplant' requirement does not apply to other <u>federal</u> funds.